



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION July 15, 2013

The Sustainability Commission met in regular session in the West Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Srivastava presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Commission Vice Chair Amit Srivastava
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Bruce Paton
Commissioner Gerry Glaser
Commissioner Dan Hafeman (7:05)

Commission Members Absent:

Commission Chair Sue Harrison (Excused)
Commissioner Joe Green-Heffern (Excused)

Council Liaison: Councilmember David Whittum (Absent)

Staff Present: John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager
Mark Bower, Solid Waste Programs Division Manager
Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

A member of the public introduced herself to the Commission and expressed her interest in the Commission's work.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of June 17, 2013.

Approval of minutes was deferred until next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sunnyvale resident, Deborah Marks, addressed the Commission regarding her desire to see the City reintroduce the practice of having different City programs on a plan review committee to review development projects in order to provide comments on project aspects that impact things in different program responsibilities. The example provided was having the Urban Landscape Manager involved in plan review to address issues related to trees and tree removal. In the past, the Urban Landscape Manager was on the review committee and could provide comments.

Ms. Marks commented on the Urban Forest Management Plan and expressed the importance of the plan. Ms. Marks wondered when it will go before Council and hopes the Commission can help get the plan to Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action: Single Use Plastic Bag Ordinance Update

Solid Waste Programs Division Manager Bowers discussed the draft Report to Council regarding staff's suggested modifications to the City's Single Use Plastic Bag Ordinance.

Vice Chair Srivastava opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Vice Chair Srivastava closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hafeman made motion to recommend the staff recommendation, Alternative 1, amending Chapter 5.38 of the Municipal Code. Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion

VOTE: 5-0 (Vote was unanimous)

2. Discussion and Possible Action: Community Condition Indicators

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Community Condition Indicators (CCI), which are included as part of the annual budget document. The Commission continued discussing potential new Community Condition Indicators and the table created by staff to capture the CCIs that were screened for availability of data and connectivity to the draft Climate Action Plan.

Vice Chair Srivastava opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Vice Chair Srivastava closed the public hearing.

No action was taken.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Proposal of Study Issues

Commissioner Glaser commented that in the evaluation of various options for choices made in city operations, the true cost of the alternatives does not monetize the environmental impacts. For instance, in evaluating various vehicles purchases, the lifecycle cost used does not monetize environmental impacts; rather, they are treated separately and somewhat optionally.

Vice Chair Srivastava opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Vice Chair Srivastava closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Glaser made a motion for a study issue to evaluate how the City of Sunnyvale could incorporate into its everyday determinations mechanisms for including, in monetary terms, the relative environmental impacts of the choices given to staff and Council.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Glaser commented that in the creation of the Sunnyvale Draft Climate Action plan, it was identified that electric energy was the second largest (after transportation) factor in GHG emissions in Sunnyvale. As part of this same study-work, consultants identified that the City participating in Community Choice Aggregation would likely achieve over 50% of the targeted emission reduction goal.

Vice Chair Srivastava opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Vice Chair Srivastava closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Glaser made a motion for a study that would assess multiple unknowns related to Community Choice Aggregation that include:

- Which communities would likely join such a CCA
- The costs and risks that Sunnyvale might have if it participated in a comprehensive outline of how a CCA would be established
- The actions of the Draft Climate Action plan that might be assigned in the charter of a CCA to achieve
- How it would be best for a CCA to be established (what agency or founding of an agency would lead the effort)

Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0 (Vote was unanimous)

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Glaser made a motion to postpone the selection of the Chair and Vice Chair until the next meeting. Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0 (Vote was unanimous)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Oral Comments

Commissioner Glaser and Commissioner Paton reported attending the Stanford - PEEC Silicon Valley Energy Summit 2013.

Commissioner Glaser reported that SFPower will be hosting a CCA workshop Thursday, July 18 in San Francisco. Staff commented that two representatives will be attending.

Commissioner Glaser reported giving a presentation on CCA to the Los Altos Environmental Commission.

Commissioner Paton reported attending a presentation on Retrofitting Suburbia.

Commissioner Fukumoto reported attending the Lawrence Station Area Plan meeting.

Commissioner Hafeman reported attending the Caltrain Electrification meeting.

Staff Oral Comments

Environmental Services Director Stufflebean reported that the City is in negotiations with the operator of Kirby Canyon landfill, Waste Management Inc., to alter the current agreement for deposition of waste in Kirby Canyon Landfill. Director Stufflebean asked if the Commission would be interested in convening a special meeting to discuss and possibly take action and provide Council any comments or recommendations regarding the new agreement. A special meeting may be convened in the next couple weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Reviewed by: John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager